

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

GREGORY D. RIVERS,

Petitioner,

v.

JUSTIN JONES,

Respondent.

No. CIV 08-380-JHP-KEW

ORDER AND OPINION
DENYING CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY

Petitioner has filed a notice of intent to appeal the court's denial of his petition for a writ of habeas corpus. After a careful review of the record, the court concludes petitioner has failed to make a "substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right," as required by 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). The court further finds petitioner has not shown "at least, that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether [this] court was correct in its procedural ruling." *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000).

ACCORDINGLY, petitioner is denied a certificate of appealability.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 13th day of January 2011.


James H. Payne
United States District Judge
Eastern District of Oklahoma